

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

The allowance of Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 23, and 25 is acknowledged with appreciation, as is the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 26.

Without acceding to the outstanding rejections, Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 26 (now cancelled), thereby placing Claim 5 and its remaining dependents in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, this application should now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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